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Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record in the above-identified application the document or documents referenced on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference is enclosed herewith.

The cited references are mentioned in applicant's corresponding European Patent application and are believed relevant for at least that reason. The Search Report is dated **October 6, 2003**. Thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) applicant's undersigned representative hereby certifies that the references listed were cited in applicant's corresponding International application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. The enclosed copy of the European Search Report satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance. The undersigned believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing

date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper. However, should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1390, under Order No. FUR0008-US and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that each reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any referenced document, should it be applied against the claims of the present application.

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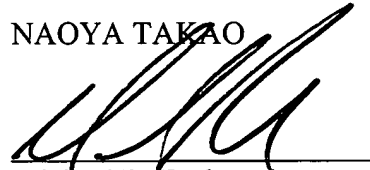
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